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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR BREZHNEV VISIT

SUMMARY: JUDGING BY LOCAL PRESS, GOE PREPARATIONS FOR BREZHNEV VISIT PROCEED APACE. END SUMMARY.

1. SINCE FONMIN FAHMY'S OCTOBER VISIT TO MOSCOW, THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE REPORTING IN EGYPTIAN PRESS OF GOE PREPARATIONS FOR BREZHNEV-SADAT SUMMIT IN MID-JANUARY. FOLLOWING ARE MOST IMPORTANT ARRANGEMENTS SO FAR PREDICTED OR REPORTED BY CAIRO NEWSPAPERS.

A. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. ON NOV 9, FONMIN FAHMY AGREED WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO HAVE "GOVERNMENT COMMITTEES" MEET TO STUDY POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND TECHNICAL QUESTIONS TO BE PLACED ON SUMMIT AGENDA. FAHMY ALSO REPORTEDLY RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM SOVIET LEADERS CALLING FOR THOROUGH PREPARATIONS TO ENSURE SUCCESS

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OF SUMMIT TALKS. ON NOV 20, GOE AMBASSADOR TO USSR HAD TALKS

WITH FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KUZNETSOV TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR BREZHNEV'S VISIT. AHAM SAID DEC 1 DECISION HAS BEEN MADE THAT MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WAR, PLANNING, INDUSTRY, POWER, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND CULTURE WILL PARTICIPATE IN SUMMIT TALKS. TWO DAYS LATER, AHAM REPORTED HIGH LEVEL SOVIET DELEGATION UNDER VICE CHAIRMAN SUPREME PLANNING COMMITTEE LIPOVISKY WILL PAY TEN DAY VISIT TO PREPARE FOR SUMMIT. DEL COMPRISES EIGHT SOVIET PLANNING EXPERTS.

B. COMMUNICATIONS. PRESS REPORTED NOV 30 THAT SOVIET DEPMIN OF COMMUNICATIONS SHAMSHIN WAS IN CAIRO FOR FIVE DAY CONSULTATION TO ARRANGE RADIO AND TV COVERAGE VIA SOVIET SATELLITE NETWORK; DIRECT TELEPHONE AND WIRELESS CIRCUITS WILL BE SET UP BETWEEN CAIRO AND MOSCOW FOR DURATION OF VISIT. (COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND SOVIETS WILL SET UP COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK INVOLVING THREE EARTH STATIONS AND A SATELLITE RELAY SHIP.)

C. SUMMIT RESULTS. ON NOV 13, FAHMY TOLD PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE THAT EGYPT EXPECTS MORE SOVIET SUPPORT AFTER BREZHNEV VISIT, THAT GOE WILL GET ATOMIC REACTOR EITHER FROM US, FRANCE OR USSR, AND THAT HE HAD ASKED FOR NUCLEAR STATION WHEN HE WAS IN MOSCOW. WEEK EARLIER, AKHBAR EDITOR IN CHIEF (VERY CLOSE TO SADAT) PREDICTED BREZHNEV WILL CARRY A "NICE SURPRISE" TO CAIRO WHICH WILL WIN HIM EXTRAORDINARY POPULARITY IN ME.

CAIRO PRESS DEC 3 DECLARED TRADE PROTOCOLS TO BE SIGNED DURING SUMMIT INCLUDE FOLLOWING FOUR ITEMS: (1) USSR TO CONSTRUCT 29 SMALL PETROLEUM TANKERS FOR EGYPT. (2) BOTH SIDES WILL ENDEAVOR INCREASE NUMBER OF TOURISTS VISITING EGYPT IN 1975 BY 30 PERCENT OVER 1974 FIGURE, INCREASE NUMBER OF SOVIET SUMMER VISITORS TO ALEXANDRIA, ORGANIZE TOURIST CRUISES TO PORT SAID, AND AFTER CANAL OPEN, TO SUEZ. (3) USSR TO PROVIDE 120 MILLION RUBLES FOR ALUMINIUM PROJECT, CEMENT FACTORY CONSTRUCTION, AND SPINNING PROJECT. (4) USSR IS PREPARED TO MEET EGYPT'S RAW MATERIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS AS COMPLEMENT TO EGYPTIAN EFFORTS TO UTILIZE IDLE CAPACITY; SOVIETS WILL INCREASE COAL EXPORT FROM HALF MILLION TO ONE MILLION TONS ANNUALLY TO ALLOW OPERATION EGYPTIAN IRON AND STEEL COMPLEX AT FULL CAPACITY; USSR WILL SUPPLY EGYPT WITH WOOD PULP AND NEW PRINTING EQUIPMENT.

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2. COMMENT: EVEN PRIOR TO FAHMY'S NON-VISIT TO MOSCOW LAST JULY, GOE WAS TALKING UP ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF GOOD STAFF WORK IN PREPARATION FOR SADAT-BREZHNEV SUMMIT. GOE PREPARATIONS DO APPEAR TO BE PROCEEDING APACE AND ARE PROMINENTLY FEATURED IN PRESS. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT ALREADY WARM OFFICIAL AND PRESS PRAISE FOR BREZHNEV AND FOR SOVIET FRIENDSHIP FOR ARABS WILL BECOME MORE PERFECTED AS TIME OF VISIT DRAWS CLOSER. EGYPTIANS WILL MOST CERTAINLY

BE AT PAINS TO PROVIDE ALL POMP AND TINSEL DUE TO LEADER OF SUPER-
POWER, SINCE GOE SHOPPING LIST WILL MOST CERTAINLY BE LENGTHY AND
EXPENSIVE.
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